THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The list of available on the website of the Ministry i.e. www.wcd.nic.in under the heading NGOs. List of NGOs blacklisted by Central Social Welfare Board is also placed on their website www.cswb.gov. in.

(c) and (d) Besides stoping funding, State Governments/State Social Welfare Boards are advised to initiate recovery proceedings against such defaulting NGOs.

Public-Private Partnership in ICDS

1858. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Anganwadi workers and helpers are opposing Government move to introduce public-private partnership in the ICDS;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the present status thereof;

(c) whether the private players would promote commercial interests; and

(d) if so, what steps Government would take to protect the interests of Anganwadi workers in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) No, Sir. No such communication has been received from the Anganwadi workers and helpers.

(c) and (d) The details of the proposed intervention are yet to be worked out. However, the intervention being proposed is to facilitate improvement in quality of service delivery which would benefit children and women accessing services under the ICDS scheme.

Contractors under ICDS

1859. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that, under the supplementary nutrition programme of the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) scheme, contractors cannot be engaged for procurement, storage and distribution of foodgrains meant for children;

(b) if so, the States where contractors are being engaged in such operations; and

(c) the reasons for such engagement of contractors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) The Hon'ble Supreme Court, *vide* its order dated 7.10.2004 had, *inter-alia*, directed all the States/UTs that "the contractors shall not be used for supply of nutrition in Anganwadis and preferably ICDS funds shall be spent by making use of village communities, self-help groups and Mahila Mandals for buying of grains and preparation of meals".

(b) and (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.